

News Briefs

Bitburg main gate

The Bitburg Annex main gate will be closed Monday through Aug. 5 to conduct pavement repainting and repair operations. The gate on McAfee Circle, adjacent to building one and directly behind the BX food court, will be open during this period for 24-hour installation entry and exit. For details, call Staff Sgt. Shannon Hall at 452-6648.

Changes of command

♦ Lt. Col. John Sepanski relinquishes command of the 22nd Fighter Squadron to Lt. Col. Russell Quinn Aug. 5 at 3:22 p.m. in Hangar 1.

♦ Lt. Col. John Specht relinquishes command of the 23rd Fighter Squadron to Lt. Col. William Woodcock Aug. 26 at 3 p.m. in Hangar 3.

Town hall meeting

The wing commander holds a town hall meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the base theater to address topics such as finance, legal, medical, pass and registration, and a variety of Combat Care services and issues. The upcoming deployment will also be discussed. Refreshments and door prizes will be available, as well as free childcare at the Spangdahlem AB Child Development Center, building 457. People should call 452-5320 to register their childcare needs by Monday.

MDG phone access

DSN phone access to the 52nd Medical Group phones on the Bitburg Annex will be down Aug. 11-12 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. due to annual maintenance. People can still be reached via the normal commercial numbers listed below:

Emergency room: 0656169-3456

Family care center: 0656169-3557

Pharmacy refill line: 0656169-3301

Turkey shoot

The 52nd Operations Support Squadron weapons and tactics office is hosting a "Turkey Shoot" at Helectern Range, Belgium from Aug 8-11. The event is open for viewing to all active duty military and their dependants, and U.S. civilians so they can experience the wing's employment of practice ordnance on a typical mission. Sign up for transportation by e-mail to 52oss.osk@spangdahlem.af.mil before Aug. 4 and include full name, duty status, phone number, e-mail address, date preferences and request for box lunch. Trip duration is seven hours, and individuals will be notified of their departure date and time Aug. 5. Call Maj. Peter Olson at 452-7107 for details.

Young Americans

Volunteers tear down walls, build friendships at chapel-sponsored youth center.

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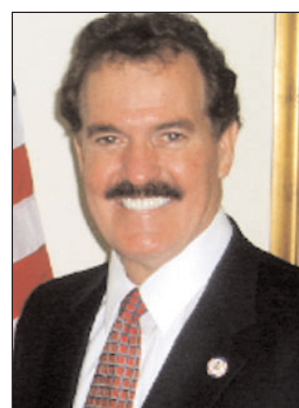
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Representative John Carter, R-Texas



Representative Robert Cramer Jr., D-Ala.



Representative Phil Gingrey, R-Ga.

Congressmen visit Spangdahlem

Spangdahlem Air Base welcomes a congressional delegation of six members of the House of Representatives who will visit military family housing units and a variety of other facilities at Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem AB Saturday.

Representatives James Walsh, R-N.Y.; Dennis Rehberg, R-Mont.; Chet Edwards, D-Texas.; John Carter, R-Texas; Robert Cramer Jr D-Ala.; and Phil Gingrey, R-Ga, escorted by Lt. Gen. Rod Bishop, U.S. Air Forces in Europe vice commander, and 52nd Fighter Wing leadership, will have an opportunity to see Team Eifel today and where it is headed for the future.

817th CRG arrives at Spang, helps transition 726th AMS

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

About a dozen members of the 817th Contingency Response Group from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., arrived here Thursday to provide temporary airlift command and control capability for the incoming 726th Air Mobility Squadron in support of the Rhein-Main Transition Program.

The 817th CRG, under the 621st Contingency Response Wing, acts as a bridge and will transition the fighter wing to co-exist with a fully functioning Air Mobility Command support unit here.

"CRGs are the Air Force's global reach crisis response force, and they are geared toward deploying trained and equipped Airmen with serviceable equipment to function as the command and control, initial airfield operations and initial operating support of an AMC CRG," said Maj. Scott Sveinsson, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group liaison officer.

The group from McGuire AFB will provide the initial global reach and lay down capability that the 726th AMS will provide once they stand up here.

"We're usually the first guys in the door to open up the air base to get it prepared for the follow-on mission support group," said Col. Dean Nelson, 817th CRG commander. "Once everything is in place, squared away and everyone's on the same sheet of music, we leave and head to our next project."

The time frame for transition is currently open ended, but wing and CRG leadership are geared toward the end of October for the airlift mission to be fully integrated into the wing mission here.

"With the new arrivals Thursday, we currently have about 20 people here and that's enough to handle one airplane a

week -- then three a week through the end of August," Colonel Nelson said. "At the end of August, we'll have an additional 20 people arriving -- basically doubling our workforce -- and that will allow us to operate two airplanes at a time with four airplanes a day during Spangdahlem operating hours."

The ability to handle air flow through the creation of a crawl, walk and run mentality is key to the 52nd Fighter Wing for supplying a smooth transition.

"Until the 726th (AMS) is ready to handle the mission unassisted, we're here until they're ready (for us) to hand it over," said Maj. Scott Deitz, 817th CRG deployed operations officer. "There is a new mission coming to the base and it'll take a team effort for transition. We've already seen that from the top down, and there has been super support from the moment we walked in to facilitate the integration of the new mission into the base."

Creating a livable and workable environment for Airmen is what the CRG is all about. Typically, the CRGs are a multi-skilled expeditionary unit who deploy to various locations to open up an air base. That air base could be anywhere from the middle of the desert with nothing there, to a fully functioning base, such as Spangdahlem AB.

"The CRG folks who are coming here are absolutely ecstatic," Colonel Nelson said. "For the last several years, their deployments have been tents in the desert. Now they get to come to a hard billet with running water and a fully operational base."

Normally, the CRG team has to build their own base themselves, including building tents, infrastructure, force protection and security, and must have everything in place before the rest of the group arrives to bridge the gap between no AMC support for airlift to the en route AMC capability the air base will eventually provide.



RESCON Watch

ALPHA

0 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 33

Rank of last DUI: senior airman
Squadron of last DUI: 52nd CMS

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 155 days
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron, 52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

0-1-3 program continues to promote proactive, responsible drinking culture

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Responsible drinking can be as easy as “0-1-3” for Sabers. When it comes to alcohol consumption, the “Saber 0-1-3” campaign promotes a positive, proactive and responsible approach to enjoying alcoholic beverages, said Lt. Col. William Woodcock, 52nd Fighter Wing chief of safety.

The program, inspired by a 16-month-old campaign at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., has gained familiarity since its inception here in June through visibility at event booths, American Forces Network spots and base and local area drinking establishment banners.

“0-1-3” is now running full speed through continued vigilant public promotion and partnerships with key organizations such as the First Term Airmen’s Center, Just Airmen and the Army and Air Force Exchange Services.

“The program will continue to be prominently promoted at upcoming events such as the JAM! Block Party Aug. 13 and other events around base,” said Colonel Woodcock.

Another committee member said 0-1-3’s emergence has already positively affected some Airmen’s attitudes in terms of social acceptance, expectations and alternatives when drinking. He said the shift is a direct reflection of the simple tenets outlined in the campaign.

“0-1-3 is helping people realize they don’t have to drink irresponsibly, or even drink at all, to fit in or have a good time,” said a major on the committee. “I recently had an Airman tell me that thanks to 0-1-3 he now realizes that there are ‘drinking buddies’ and there are ‘friends.’ He said he’s having a better time now that he just sticks with his friends.”

The “0” stands for zero alcohol related incidents or misconduct offenses. The “1” stands for one drink per hour to give the liver enough time to process the alcohol. The “3” stands for a maximum of three drinks per night to keep a person’s judgment from being fully impaired.

Tech. Sgt. Theresa Lex, 52nd FW safety representative, said the unique and simple approach of 0-1-3 seemed to catch on at the

recent “Explore the Eifel” information fair.

“More than 2,000 folks stopped by our booth at Club Eifel that day to engage in activities and quite a few tried wearing the ‘drunk goggles,’” she said. “They also learned about other things to do in the Eifel, without alcohol,” Sergeant Lex said. “I’ve been here more than four years and I didn’t even know about all the alternatives to irresponsible drinking there really are.”

Staff Sgt. Khalisha Savage, a 0-1-3 committee member, said the program is not designed to keep people from drinking, rather, to be used as an instructional tool and a “prescription for wellness.”

“This differs from such programs as (Responsibility Condition) and Airmen Against Drunk Driving in that 0-1-3 helps you avoid binge drinking and resulting impairment, which can lead to violence against others, personal injury and even sexual assault.”

Sergeant Savage said the focus audience for 0-1-3 is for all Sabers and especially younger Airmen and for good reason.

“Forty percent of reported crimes against people are occurring in the dorms,” she said. “This puts young, single Airmen at great risk.”

“We need to do what we can to keep dormitory residents safe by giving them a framework within which to function -- we owe it to Airmen to have a safe and comfortable place to live,” Colonel Woodcock said.

“If the focus of your life is alcohol, then you need to check your focus,” he added.

Supervisors can obtain a non-legally binding “Responsible Drinking Agreement” from unit champions to help ensure troops understand the Saber 0-1-3 principles. The sole purpose of the agreement is education and to provide an avenue of discussion between the supervisor and his or her troop.

“You or your friend may be a key player in making sure there’s a plan in place and that it is followed,” Colonel Woodcock said. “Drinking responsibly is about education, planning and sticking to

the plan. Saber 0-1-3 is designed to help everyone do just that.” For more information about free social events, tickets and activities in conjunction with JAM!, AAFES, and Combat Wingman, contact unit champions, Colonel Woodcock at 452-6543 or Maj. Franklin Swayne at 452-8321.

AGREEMENT TO DRINK RESPONSIBLY (Military)

This counseling is being given to every member of the Spangdahlem AB community in order to safeguard our troops' safety and mission readiness. As an active duty member of the armed forces you are accountable to uphold the standards set forth by federal, state, and local law, the UCMJ, and 52nd Fighter Wing policies when it comes to drinking alcohol. It is a personal responsibility to uphold this standard. Additionally, we need to take care of our friends and co-workers within our military family. When you don't, you end up working the extra hours/shifts to cover for them, or vice versa.

Responsible drinking means drinking in moderation. Anything more than 4-5 drinks in a row, in a relatively short period of time, is known as binge drinking. Binge drinking has been scientifically proven to significantly increase incidents of death, injury, assault, sexual abuse, unsafe sex, poor work performance, and health problems.

Responsible drinking is represented by the numbers of "Saber 0-1-3." This means, "0" you drink on a daily basis, the medical studies recommend only one drink for women and two drinks for men.

Irresponsible drinking has become a "clear and present danger" to our people and our mission. There were over 189 alcohol related incidents in 2004 at Spangdahlem AB. We all must hold each person accountable for drinking responsibly.

Remember the phrase "Saber 0-1-3." If you choose to drink, ensure you have a plan ahead of time of who will be the designated driver, as well as a backup plan (i.e., a phone number for a taxi company or a sober buddy to come pick you up). If you are hosting a party/social gathering where alcohol will be served, you are responsible to have a plan for monitoring your guests' alcohol consumption, ensuring that they don't drink underage, or drive drunk.

We all need to contribute to responsible drinking. By signing this form, you reaffirm your commitment to uphold the standard of responsible alcohol consumption and use. Thank you for your participation!

I fully understand what responsible drinking means. I will engage in responsible drinking.

Member's signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor's signature _____ Date _____

The non-legally binding contract is an example of the “Responsible Drinking Agreement” that all military members should receive and sign with their supervisors.

Editor's note: Kudos to Tech. Sgt. Michael Mack and her team at the 52nd Communications Squadron for design of the 0-1-3 logo.

Sabers surpass DUI-free 30-day mark for second time this year, close to 36-day record

By David A. Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel has gone more than 30 days without a DUI.

The previous record here was 36 days, which can be reached by Tuesday if no DUIs occur over the weekend.

Over the last two weeks, eight major crashes occurred, with 34 minor wrecks.

The first major crash occurred on L-39 near Wittlich. A driver attempted to pass a tractor trailer, and oncoming traffic caused the driver to brake suddenly and veer into a ditch. There were no injuries.

The second major crash occurred on A-60 between the Badem and Bitburg exits, where a driver unsuccessfully attempted to pass a tractor trailer. The small car was pulled into the back of the truck and hit the steel bumper. There were minor injuries in this collision.

The third major collision occurred on B-257 near Erdorf. Inattentive driving caused the collision. Rounding a corner, a driver saw an oncoming car in his lane. He then entered an oncoming traffic lane to avoid collision with the car in his lane. The driver

sustained minor injuries.

The fourth major crash was in Suedring. A local national pulled his vehicle in front of a staff sergeant’s vehicle. The accident caused disabling damage to both vehicles.

Major crash five occurred on L-46 between Speicher and Bitburg. Inattentive driving by a local national on a curve caused this accident.

Major crash six occurred on B-50 adjacent to the Albachmule hotel. Speeding caused a vehicle to fishtail and hit the wall damaging the vehicle.

The seventh major crash was along the fence line of building 83, the Culligan Warehouse. A local national was speeding and struck the fence, pushing into a truck on the other side. The driver’s vehicle was totaled and the collision caused considerable damage to the parked truck.

The last crash occurred in Luxembourg near the theater in Luxembourg City. Speeding caused a driver to lose control and drive over a curb, immobilizing the car.

Team Eifel members were involved in 34 minor wrecks: three from speeding, 10 from improper backing, 12 from inattentive driving, three from following too closely, one failure to yield, and five wildlife strikes.

Rhein-Main changes billeting, long-term parking procedures

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) -- As Rhein-Main Air Base nears its Oct. 15 closing date, travelers who frequent the base will begin to notice changes in services provided.

A change in the long-term parking policy gives priority to people traveling on Air Mobility Command missions, and space-available lodging is no longer available on base.

Long-term parking is now available up to 30 days for passengers departing on missions and those traveling through the Frankfurt International Airport. As parking spaces decrease, first priority will be given to passengers traveling on AMC flights.

All long-term parking customers must check in with the AMC terminal staff to obtain a parking placard identifying the owner, contact telephone number and the traveler’s return date.

In addition, all customers who park in designated long-term parking areas must provide documentation to show they will return no later than Oct. 15. Any vehicle remaining past Oct. 15 will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Travelers who require a place to stay no

longer have the Gateway Inn to count on, which recently closed. As a result, there is no space available lodging authorized and no Air Force lodging program at Rhein-Main, to include contract quarters in the Frankfurt, Germany area.



Contingency lodging in direct support of wartime operations will remain available through September.

Travelers needing lodging in the Frankfurt area must make hotel reservations and should plan

accordingly for additional transportation costs. Travelers in the Frankfurt area should contact the surrounding military communities at Darmstadt, Wiesbaden, Spangdahlem and Ramstein for lodging assistance.

For more information on lodging, Airmen can call Rhein-Main at DSN 330-6971, Ramstein at DSN 490-2985, Spangdahlem at DSN 452-6504, Darmstadt at DSN 348-1700 and Wiesbaden at DSN 338-7212. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Thomas Bebin

Unit: 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: Aerospace propulsion systems craftsman

Hometown: Alamogordo, N.M.

Years in service: Five years

Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Bebin's management of the test facility inspection requirements provided a 97 percent in-commission rate of vital wing assets, contributing to unabated jet engine production. His contribution was the catalyst for the highest ever recorded 16 F100-GE-100 spare engines in support of Engine Regional Repair Center for Aviano Air Base, Italy. The record was lauded by the Air Force Chief of Staff as an "amazing feat."

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Sergeant Bebin volunteers for Airman Against Drunk Driving. He is currently enrolled in Embry Riddle Aeronautical University pursuing an airframe and powerplant license. He is also completing his Community College of the Air Force degree.

What do you do for fun? I like to ride my motorcycle and travel the Eifel's windy roads to soak up the incredible view of this region of Germany.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I like being able to travel to other countries and experience other cultures.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see more parking.

Wing lauds recent NCOA grads

Staff reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing congratulates the following technical and master sergeants upon their graduation in the recent NCO Academy class.

William Biasotti, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Tony Boggs**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Timothy Brizendine**, 52nd AMXS; **James Butler**, 52nd AMXS; **Gilbert Cano**, 52nd Contracting Squadron; **Christopher Kelley**, 23rd Fighter Squadron; **Teresa Manduchi**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; **Erik**

Marketto, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Brian Miller**, 52nd AMXS;

Henry Reyes, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Patrick Ross**, 52nd CES; **Matt Sanders**, 52nd CES; **Evelyn Serafica**, 52nd AMDS; **Charles Simpson**, 52nd Maintenance Group; **Thomas Smith**, 52nd CES; **Stephen Stribley**,

52nd AMXS; **Jerry Thomas**, 52nd AMXS; **Daniel Williams**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron



Sip some Combat Education Lemonade

The Spangdahlem Air Base Education Center and its schools host their annual education fair Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the Spangdahlem AB base exchange.

The theme for this year's fair is the "Combat Education Lemonade Stand," where people can learn more about Term I class registration and schedules. There will be free hot dogs and lemonade, door prizes and more. For more information, call Don Weitz at 452-6063.



Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Having their own agenda paid off for **Staff Sgt. Kelly Keefer** and **Senior Airman Monica Cripe**, who performed admirably during the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Operational Readiness Inspection as deployment schedule of events cell technicians. They effectively created and disseminated the schedule to move 865 people and 790 short tons of cargo on 21 airlift missions. Wood he deserve a salute? But of course! **Donny Wood** gets a round of applause for his dedication and long hours as a full-time volunteer at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex Family Support Centers.

52nd Maintenance Group

The iceman cometh ... **Senior Airman William Fields** diligently completed four cryogenic aircraft servicing cart acceptance inspections in one shift, supporting the Rhein Main Transition Program. If only that 80's rock band was instead "Damon Lewis and Fuels" ... **Staff Sgt. Damon Lewis** led a team of five fuels technicians supporting the 81st Fighter Squadron while deployed to Royal Air Force Lakenheath AB, England. He is also the squadron's NCO of the Month and the accessories flight's unsung hero.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

We don't need Tony Danza to tell us who's the "B.O.S.S." During this year alone, the Buechel AB, Germany, Buechel Organization for Squadron Support has supplied and delivered more than 34 welcome baskets containing groceries and information packets to inbound peo-

ple in their rooms by the time they arrive. B.O.S.S. also coordinates three children's holiday parties throughout the year for Buechel youth. Additionally, they provide a quarterly \$30 book scholarship to one Buechel AB member to offset the cost of college books.

52nd Medical Group

Bio, bio ... it's off to work they go ... **Tech. Sgt. Timothy Batten**, **Staff Sgts. Jason Willis, Joshua Lodde, Matthew Dodge, Nichole Orleman, Rebecca Percy** and **Senior Airman Matthew Toenniges** received commander's coins for their hard work during the USAFE ORI. Try to catch this flight ... the **52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron flight medicine team** covered everything from no-notice health assessments, personnel deployment function line processing, records reviews, full spectrum threat responses, and "deployment" of three troops to Base X. Just what the doctor ordered are **Master Sgt. Joseph Soares** and **Staff Sgt. Glenn Sabillo**, who worked on the new call-in system and hi-tech medication dispensers in the emergency room. It's high energy at high noon for **Staff Sgt. Laura Allender**, who motivates her co-workers to participate in physical training during their lunch time. Queens of smiles and files are **Tech. Sgt. Tosha Weaver** and **Airman 1st Class Cynthia Vargas**, who reorganized the dental records and reception section -- saving patients valuable time when checking in for appointments.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron Jet Engine Test Cell Section

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The team performs operational checks on 169 F110-GE-129 (Block 50 F-16), F110-GE-100 (Block 40 F-16) and TF34-GE-100A (A-10A) jet engines. The section provides jet engine test capability to home station, Aviano Air Base, Italy, and central command deployed units down range.

Number of members: 12: not pictured were Tech. Sgts. William McCalpine, Daniel Buse and Patrick Carmichael and Staff Sgts. John Hough, Jennifer Jordan and Shad Peabody.

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The team performs pre- and post-operational checks on 169 F110-GE-129, F110-GE-100 and TF34-GE-100A jet engines. The team members also oversee jet engine block testing for the command's F110 Engine Regional Repair Center in support of the 31st Fighter Wing and the U.S. Air Force's Centralized Intermediate Repair Facility in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. The team analyzes engine performance data to determine jet engine serviceability and extent of repairs to meet the 52nd FW's mission requirements. These Sabers manage jet engine production and oversee scheduled and unscheduled maintenance on three hush houses, two portable test cells and one T-9 noise suppression system. They maintain close liaison with three aircraft maintenance units to minimize engine noise.

Team's other contributions through the year? The test cell section facilitates vital engine testing support capability to deployed units downrange and provides reach back capability for jet engine support. The team is instrumental in achieving the unprecedented 16 spare to 100 engines spare level -- lauded by Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff: "The Air Force is extremely proud of what you have done to increase readiness."

Club Beyond gets revamped in Bitburg

Volunteers tear down walls, build friendships at chapel-sponsored youth center

By Brittany Shaver

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office volunteer

There was dust in the air and misplaced couches lined the hallway. A drum set and board games were placed in one room, while a newly built stage lined with piles of rubble was in another. The kitchen remained empty, with promises of cabinetry and appliances filling its space in the near future.

Renovation for Club Beyond, a chapel-sponsored youth program and teen center, began recently on the third floor of building 2001 at the Bitburg Annex.

Club Beyond provides a place to build significant relationships where children are offered a safe and healthy environment to hang out and learn about God, said Kurt Anderson, Military Community Youth Ministries community director.

There are about two dozen Club Beyond programs throughout the world, and Mr. Anderson, along with chapel staff, started the idea to renovate here last fall.

"The renovation ideas started off small, but once everybody started to put their ideas together, it all just fell into place," he said. "We approached the church community and asked for assistance, and the outpouring of support has been great, with the bulk of the work being done by the students."

Renovation began at the end of June

with more than 30 youths volunteering to help tear down a wall, construct a stage, move furniture and paint walls during the first couple of days of renovation.

"We would like more kids to come out and help so they can say, 'Hey, I helped build that counter,'" said John Glaser, Club Beyond volunteer. "We want the youth to know this is their place, their room and their studio. When you actually work on it, you see more of the value in it."

A Club Beyond youth participant and volunteer feels the same way.

"I got involved with Club Beyond last September because of a friend," said Andrew Neubauer, son of Col. Jay Neubauer, 52nd Medical Group commander. "I soon found out it was lots of fun and the staff are really cool and we have formed some good bonds."

Forming bonds is one of the key aspects of Club Beyond. Other aspects include several new additions such as a café bar with free coffee drinks, sodas and snacks; staff offices; movie room with projection screen; stage area; game room including gaming systems; and a conference room to name a few of the new additions.

Club Beyond is always looking for college-age and above volunteers to help out



Shannon Glaser

Dan Brunal, son of Master Sgt. Americo Brunal, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, and John Glaser, Club Beyond volunteer, cut wood for the foundation of a stage at the new Club Beyond, located at the Bitburg Annex, building 2001, third floor. The chapel-sponsored youth center plans to open their doors at the end of August.

after their community opening Aug. 28. For more information, call Kurt Anderson 06527-933325 or Shannon Glaser at 06565-934296.

QDR to reflect tomorrow's, not today's, challenges

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Military leaders will resist any temptation to assume the force needed for the future will be a cookie-cutter version of today's needs, Gen. Richard B. Myers said here Monday.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was talking about how the military will examine its forces, resources and programs during the upcoming 2005 Quadrennial Defense Review.

The QDR, he told the group, needs to consider the broad range of missions the U.S. military could be called to support. These run the gamut from full-scale combat operations to nontraditional missions ranging from counterinsurgency missions to stability operations as well as homeland defense.

"We want to make sure, when we get our forces set here in the early part of the 21st century, that they can deal with a wide variety of threats," General Myers said. "We cannot focus on just one area." Similarly, he said, planners cannot assume future operations will be run like today's.

"The way Afghanistan was fought was different than the way Iraq was fought, and Iraq will be different than whatever we will be called on to do next, whether it's humanitarian assistance or peacekeeping or whatever it might be," General Myers said. "We have to be careful that we don't fall victim to templates of what we are currently doing now."

Defense and military leaders already recognize that there is too much conventional force structure in some areas, the general said. The Army is working to rebalance the skills within its active and reserve components, and to transform some "heavy" units into lighter, more agile units.

From associate's degree to M.D.

New 52nd AMDS CC shares experience of achieving lifelong dream

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- In 1970, 20-year-old Victor Folarin would set off on a journey to achieve his lifelong dream of becoming a doctor.

That journey would see him immigrate to another country, earn five college degrees, join the military and call three different continents home.

Doctor (Colonel) Victor Folarin, the 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron's new commander, was born in Lagos, Nigeria.

When he was a child, an elementary education was free and available to most children, Colonel Folarin said. However, he had to wait to go to high school because a person had to pay for tuition, books, uniforms, and transportation.

"In Nigeria, most (secondary) education is not free, and high schools are expensive and highly competitive," Colonel Folarin said. "Not everyone gets to go to school."

Although he was in high school, it wasn't necessarily clear yet that he would become a doctor, let alone know how or where to achieve it.

"My mother wanted me to become a pharmacist, but I was interested in practicing medicine because my grandfather, a civil engineer, was also a native herbalist," the colonel said. "I used to go into the forest with him to look for leaves and plants, and I helped him cook them into syrups and medicines. When I started to think about it, I decided, 'Why be a pharmacist when I could be a doctor?'"

That was the beginning of his sometimes difficult quest to become a doctor. Although there were bumps in the road, he would stay focused on that goal.

After high school, Colonel Folarin was accepted into a military program that was training civilians to be medical technicians. Although they promised to train the new students in a certain amount of time, they were unable to finish the training.

With his goal to be a doctor in mind, he decided to move to the United States to pursue his goal of earning a higher education.

"My arrival in the United States was interesting, he said. "I



Doctor (Colonel) Victor Folarin, the new 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander, looks at the chart of his last patient he treated before leaving his previous duty station at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, July 20. The colonel immigrated to the United States from Nigeria at the age of 20 to become a doctor. Since then, Colonel Folarin has earned five college degrees and has been an Air Force doctor since 1993.

had no relatives living there, but we did have some friends living in New York City. They were supposed to meet my plane and help me get around. Unfortunately, my plane was delayed by one day. They didn't know that, so they went to the airport to meet me and, of course, missed me. When I got there a day later, no one met me at the plane. It was a bold introduction to the U.S., but I survived it."

Because he was a foreign student, Colonel Folarin was not eligible to receive financial aid. However, still determined to be a doctor, the colonel would earn an associate's degree in science -- his first of five degrees -- while attending Sneed and working full-time.

With a two-year degree in hand, his next move would take him to the state where he'd meet his wife, earn his medical degree and eventually call home -- Tennessee.

There, he attended Tennessee Technical University, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry.

In between school years, Colonel Folarin would work to sup-

port himself and pay his way through school. Making only \$1.60 an hour, he found a benefactor in the form of the university's chemistry department chair, who co-signed loans to help pay for school.

"It was a hardship that makes you stronger," he said. "It teaches you to be creative."

After graduating with his master's degree, the colonel found himself more than \$40,000 in debt.

"I also couldn't get into medical school right away because of my foreign status, so I worked at a clinic at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., doing pharmaceutical research."

That would change in 1983, when he received his citizenship, making him eligible to apply to medical schools.

With excellent grades and strong letters of recommendation, he was accepted into the college of medicine at the University of Tennessee in Memphis -- graduating in 1985.

After medical school, he did a residency in family practice before going into private practice in Kentucky.

It was there that he would join the military, but he would not go blue. Instead, he went green and joined the Kentucky Army National Guard as a battalion physician assigned to a tank unit.

In 1993, after serving seven years in the guard while continuing to work in his private practice of family medicine and geriatrics, Colonel Folarin decided that a change of scenery was in order and joined the active duty Air Force in 1993 by direct commission.

"I liked the way the military set up its medical practices, so I decided to join the Air Force as a doctor," he said. "I was up for the challenge."

Although he entered active duty as a major, his previous seven years of military service in the National Guard did not count towards his total active federal military service. This means that although he is now a colonel, he won't be eligible to retire until the same month he turns 62 -- the mandatory military retirement age -- in April 2013.

Although there were obstacles during his journey of becoming a doctor, he was able to overcome them when faced with adversity. Now an accomplished Air Force doctor, his journey has taken on new meaning as he tries to be the best doctor and commander he can be.

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Col. Dave Goldfein

July
Sortie
Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	260	172	-3
23FS	288	205	-1
81FS	232	168	-2

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Remembrance

IG relays World War II vet's story of daily life as top-turret gunner in B-17

By Lt. Col. Digger Hawkins
52nd Fighter Wing inspector general

Today's column is not about leadership tech-
niques, warnings not to drink and drive, a petition
to volunteer or partake in local festivals or a list of
reasons why you should stay in the military.

Instead, I want is to simply tell you a war story
about a gentleman whom I had the pleasure of
meeting this past weekend. I didn't ask his permis-
sion to tell his story, so I will not reveal his last
name -- nor will I tell you what, if any, lessons
there are to be learned. I would just like to relate a
little bit of Air Force history.

John was 15 years old when World War II start-
ed. As soon as he could he joined the Army Air
Corps at the ripe old age of 18 and found himself
as a top-turret gunner and flight engineer on a B-
17. He and his 385th Bomb Group flew out of one
of the many airfields jammed into the eastern
English countryside.

Their quarters consisted of cramped metal and
wood barracks un-insulated against the cold, damp
British environment and heated by a coal stove at
either end of the building. Chow was slopped on
at the local mess hall and entertainment was non-
existent except for a rare overnight pass or two to
London -- which wasn't too bad of a place to visit.

Missions were flown day after day after day
when the weather permitted. Crews would show to
work at 4 a.m., brief, dress and step to their
bombers; Then they would take off, fly the mis-
sion, land, go through interrogation, grab a bite to
eat around 10 p.m. and sleep a few hours until the
next early morning wake-up.

The missions themselves were full of danger,

*As a top-turret gunner, John
had a 360-degree view to the
horizon from his bubbled perch.
And on the 1,000-airplane raids,
he could see bombers stretch-
ing, one after another, from the
sunrise in the east to the dusk
glow in the west.*

especially when trying to take off or land in the
notorious English fog and drizzle.

On one particular mission, two dozen B-17s
were lost during the take off and climb out to the
marshalling points when they collided inside the
clouds. But once they were on top of the weather,
the view was spectacular.

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It was on one such mission that his B-17 took a
flak hit over Berlin, setting the right side inboard
engine on fire. The copilot was able to shut down
the number three engine while the pilot turned
west, diving and climbing several times to gain
enough airspeed in an attempt to snuff out the
flames.

About 120 miles west of the target area, with
the fire engulfing the fuselage all the way back to
the tail, the pilot rang the "bailout" bell and each
of the nine crewmembers parachuted into the

European sky -- and just in time as the B-17
exploded less than 30 seconds after the last
crewmember departed.

Unfortunately, the black oily smoke and subse-
quent explosion attracted the attention of the
German soldiers below. John's parachute landing
fall began on the steeply sloped roof of a village
chapel and ended at the feet of a German soldier
in the cemetery below.

All of his evasion training was put to use for
about one half second until the butt of a Mauser
rifle made contact with his forehead, convincing
him to comply with the young soldier's orders.
From that November day in 1944 until the war's
end, John's service was as a prisoner of war,
marching steadily eastward toward the Austrian
border and the Meuseberg camp until liberated by
Patton's troops.

This story has a happy ending. John survived
and at 80 years old is still in great health and spir-
it. All nine of his crewmembers were captured
within three hours of jumping from the doomed
aircraft, yet all nine survived the war.

Finally, after being freed from the prison and
while home on convalescent leave, John was for-
tunate enough to meet and marry a pretty young
gal who has been his wife for 58 years.

There ... just a good story I was most fortunate
to hear first-hand from one of the diminishing
ranks of WW II veterans. Whether or not you see
wisdom in my words or lessons to be learned is up
to you. I hope simply that you enjoyed reading it
as much as I did hearing it.

Combat Care

Family Support Center: Taking care of each other Spouse of deployed troop shares experience of deployment, separation

By Nichole Stubbs
52nd Fighter Wing spouse

When my husband, Tech. Sgt. Jon
Stubbs, deployed last August, I was
not left to stand alone.

The Spangdahlem Air Base Family Support
Center was there to lend a hand and gave me a
shoulder to cry on when needed. They started a
wonderful program called "Combat Care," which
provided down time for moms, programs for
children and activities where everyone in the
family was involved.

Each squadron had a key spouse sponsor, and
Charlie Foster was it for the 52nd Commu-
nications Squadron. The FSC provided her a cal-
endar of events each month and she would let us
know of any changes.

Getting the calendar to deployed spouses in a
timely manner allowed us to make plans ahead
of time -- and for this working mom, it was a
huge help.

Each deployed spouse was given a Combat

Care button and parking pass. This allowed us to
move to the front of the line at the post office, use
the special parking slots around the base and oth-
ers recognized us as spouses of the deployed. This
little courtesy gave a boost to my day, especially
when it was raining and I could pull right up to
that special parking slot
at the commissary.

I was very impressed
with the way the family
support center made
each event appropriate
for all age groups. Not
once did my seven year old
feel left out, nor did my 12
year old ever complain about an event being too
babyish for him.

We especially enjoyed the event "Deployment
Day." The base came together to show the children
and spouses exactly what Mom or Dad had gone
through the day they were deployed.

Each child was given "dog tags" and I was
especially impressed when two off-duty Airmen

took the time to make them by hand after the
machine had broken down. They did not want one
child to leave without their tag.

We were also able to see how robots are used in
the military and the military working dogs demon-
strated what a vital part they play each day to keep
our loved ones safe down range.

Childless spouses were not left out
either. There were special days just for
adults to come together and talk. My
favorite was "Spa Day." What a blast to
sit around and be pampered.

The best part of the Deployed
Spouses Program was meeting other
spouses who were going through what
I was going through. It helped remind me that I
was not alone.

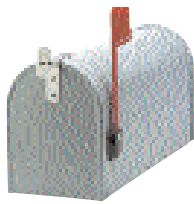
Some of these ladies have now become my
closest friends. My husband has been deployed
numerous times and I must say that this time the
family support center made sure I did not feel left
out and that I knew the base cared about me and
my children.





Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Fleet vehicle sale

Army and Air Force Exchange Services has a number of excess used fleet vehicles for sale. These vehicles include sedans, station wagons, vans and trucks. All vehicles are sold "as is" and do not include a guarantee or a warranty of any kind. Vehicles are available for viewing in the Bitburg Housing Auto Hobby Craft Shop parking lot. Vehicles will be sold by sealed bid.

AAFES reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. All sealed bids must be received in the AAFES general manager's office, building 2011, second floor, no later than Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. Due to government insurance regulations, test drives will not be possible. Vehicles must be paid for in full and by certified check, cashiers check or money order. Non-U.S. ID-card holders must clear host nation customs. To arrange access to vehicles for closer inspection, call the AAFES vending team, building 83, at 06561-2670.

Commissary closure

The Spangdahlem AB Commissary will be closed Aug. 10. The Bitburg Commissary will remain open for regular hours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt

The Brick House Scavenger Hunt takes place Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. Register at the Spangdahlem AB Eifel Community Center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call Kim McElfesh at 452-7381 for details.

Veterinary clinic hours

Through Aug. 14, the Veterinary Clinic will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for retail sales and prescription refills only. There will be no veterinarian available during this time period, so pet owners should be sure they have a list of local veterinarians. A list is available from the Veterinary Clinic. Call 452-9388 or visit building 1094, Oberweis Annex.

Baby photo contest

People can bring their favorite 5x7 photo of their infant to Photo Express or

bring their newborn to 24-month-old child to the Photo Express Portrait Studio Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to have their free portrait taken to enter the contest. No sitting fee, appointment or purchase is necessary, although portraits will be available for purchase. Call 06565-933589 for official contest rules.

Wanted: Stork Nesters

The Family Support Center seeks wing members to sponsor expectant mothers from Incirlik AB, Turkey, and Lajes Field, Azores. People who are interested in being a sponsor can call the Spangdahlem AB Family Support Center at 452-6422.

One act auditions

To audition for a part in Act Eifel's upcoming Night of One Acts, visit the Brick House Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. Auditions will be for two one-act shows for a variety of parts for both men and women.

July volunteer hours

People who volunteered in July should send their volunteer hours to the Spangdahlem AB Family Support Center by Aug. 5. One hour of volunteering can be worth 50 Extreme Summer points. For more information, or to claim points, call Tammy Kunz at 452-6422 or 06565-616422.

Dental volunteer program

The 52nd Dental Squadron and American Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant Program class starts Sept. 12. Call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Lloyd at 452-8220 to sign up.

Polish Pottery Bingo

Brick House Polish Pottery Bingo takes place Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. Costs vary according to the cards players choose to use. For more information, call Kim McElfesh at 452-7381.

Craft Fair

A craft fair takes place Aug. 20 from noon to 4 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2012. People interested in selling crafts should call Patti Porter at

452-7381 or 452-9555 to register as a vendor.

Rock concert

The rock band "Brickfoot" performs at the Brick House Aug. 26 at 9 p.m. The show is free for all military identification cardholders ages 18 and older. For more information, visit www.brickfoot.com.

Walking groups

Parents interested in forming parent and child walking groups should call the Spangdahlem AB Family Advocacy office at 452-8283.

Party room available

Party rooms for children ages 5 and younger, and 6 and older are available for rent on weekends throughout the summer in Bitburg Annex building 2012 for \$50 per party. Call 452-9555 to make reservations.

English lessons

English as a Second Language classes take place each Monday and Wednesday from Sept. 26-Nov. 9 in Bitburg Annex building 2012. Cost is \$60 for the class and \$20 for the book. For course times and registration, call 452-7381.

ITT closure

ITT will be closed Monday for training. For more information, contact Guido Schwanz at 452-6567.

New student orientation

Bitburg High School invites all incoming ninth graders and new students grades 10-12 and their sponsors to attend the BHS new student orientation Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon in the BHS cafeteria. Students will have the chance to learn about academics, school activities and sports, meet teachers and tour BHS facilities. A separate section will focus on parents and information they need to make the upcoming school year successful for the students. For details, call Val McCamish at 452-9337.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., pre-school through sixth grade (building 139); 10:30 a.m., traditional service; 1 p.m., Korean; 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service
- ### Bitburg Annex Catholic Mass
- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
 - ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.
- ### Protestant
- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service
- For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.



What's happening at Club Eifel this week?

MONGOLIAN BBQ

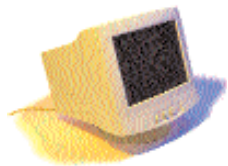
(IT WAS SO GOOD, WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN THIS WEEK!)

Thursday,
August 4th
5-8 p.m.

IT WILL "STIR UP" ALL IDEAS YOU EVER HAD ABOUT ASIAN CUISINE.

Club Eifel Members: 50¢ per oz.
Nonmembers: add \$3 to the total cost
All children 5 and under eat FREE!

Get as much or as little as you like. Select from a wide variety of meats and vegetables, add sauces and watch the chefs stir fry it to perfection. We even include the fortune cookie... And we'll serve your meal on a plate, not in a cardboard box. It's a fun dining experience you'll want to enjoy again and again.



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Vehicles

2001 Chevy S-10 pick up, 4 Cyl, 5-spd., 11,500 miles, soft tonneau bed cover, AM/FM/CD, AC, sliding rear window, 26

miles per gallon, \$8,400 OBO. Call Mr. Fisher at 01511-5550106 or 06553-901269 during the evening and weekends.
1994 BMW 5 series 4-dr.

sedan, must sell, \$3,000 OBO. Call Sheldon Sukut at 06568-969214 or 0160-98481473.
1994 Ford escort station wagon, Euro specs,

\$2,900 OBO, call Cooper at 06563-962645 or 0160-99523318.

1994 Mitsubishi Pajero 4x4, 5-spd., PW, PL, sunroof, \$4,000. Call Stephanie Turner 06565-955666 or 452-6327.

1993 Audi 80, V6/5spd, 87,000 kilometers, new brakes and radiator. Recently passed inspec., \$2700 OBO. Call Paul at 06565-933147 or 452-6280.

1993 BMW 316i, Euro specs., 5-spd., 195,000 kilometers, sunroof, winter tires, \$3,200. Call Adam Leah at 06563-96-2250 or 0160-91068179.

1993 Ford Escort LX-E, 5-spd., PW, PS, mirrors, and moon roof, FWD, 60/40 fold down seats, Stereo w/10-disk CD

changer, new brakes, tires, battery, and tie rod end. Recently passed inspec., \$2,750 OBO. Call James Biting at 452-4477 or after 6 p.m. at 06565-934987.

1991 BMW 318i, sunroof, alloys, 5-spd., new tires and clutch. \$2,000 OBO. Call Tech. Sgt. Thompson at 452-5051 or 06567-960812 or 0160-98323680.

1990 BMW 318is, 1.8l, new brakes and tires, 314,000 kilometers, recently passed inspec., \$1,000 OBO. Call Tech. Sgt. Garcia at 0160-257-1064.

Motorcycles

2003 Harley Davidson softtail standard, FXSTI (EFI), anniversary edition, 2,800 miles, billet

grips, footpegs, shifter peg and brake pedal pad, chrome dash panel, sissy bar, storage cover, service manual, \$15,600 OBO. Call 06562-974144.

2003 883 Harley-Davidson, 44 miles, \$6,200. Call Michelle at 06565-933530.

2001 Harley Davidson Sportster 883 XL, low miles, pearl white, \$5,700. Call Zachariah Bagley at 452-4313 or 06563-962119.

For sale

Reebok TR treadmill, 1000-220v classic HC fitness product, about 18 months old, English and German manual, \$350, must sell. Call Monica at 06561-694718.

Baby walkers and Jumperoo, \$15 OBO each. Call Cindy at 06565-955956.

L-shaped computer desk w/two matching book shelves, \$150; oak three door dresser and desk, \$70; Little Tykes desk w/chair, \$20; lg. dog carrier, \$15; Buzz Light Year and Woody twin and full comforters, \$10 for twin, \$15 for full (reversible); Buzz and Woody curtains, \$5; two propane tanks for gas grill, \$5 each; sm. computer desk, \$35. Call Stephanie Turner at 06565-955666 or 0160-95276674.

Cordless phone v220, \$20. Phone answering machine combo v220, \$20. Card cell phone, \$50. DSL modem, \$50,

floor fan v220, \$10. Laundry room rack stands over washer and dryer, \$10 must sell everything by Jul 28.

AFN decoder, avail in August, \$350; Philips tanning bed, \$500. Call Maj. Sveinsson at 06568-9699896.

White Baby crib incl. mattress, bumperpad and bed skirt, \$50; stroller, \$30 OBO. Call 0160-7186725.

Computer, 500 MHz P III, 384 MB RAM, 20 GB hard drive, CD ROM, 17-in. monitor, \$250 OBO. Call John Fisher at 452-2087, 06553-901269 or 01511-555-0106.

Purebred White Persian kitten, 100 euros, ready Aug. 11. Call Dwyer Deborah at 01759163091.

Private Antique Flea Market on Josef Niederprüm Strasse, near "Dolce Vita" restaurant, downtown Bitburg on Saturday, August 6th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antiques, china, clocks, furniture and much more. Call 0171-6945613

PCS sale, best offers accepted on all 220-volt appliances: fans, transformers, cordless phone and answering machines, iron, toaster, coffee maker, carpets; new ISDN equip, \$40; pre-paid cell phone, \$20. Call 0175-800-8802 after 6 p.m.

Wanted

Used lawnmower. Call Charles Crow at 0151-12728991 or 452-3460.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Aug. 4. Times and movies are subject to change. For current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Batman Begins (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice.

Mindhunters (R, 10 p.m.)

On a remote island, the FBI has a training program for their psychological profiling division, called "Mindhunters," used to track down serial killers. A group of young agents discover that one of them is a serial killer, and is setting about slaying the others.

Saturday

Batman Begins (7 p.m.)

Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

After three years of fighting in the Clone Wars, Anakin Skywalker begins his journey toward the Dark Side of the Force, putting his friendship with Obi Wan Kenobi at risk.

Sunday

Batman Begins (4 p.m.)

Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (7 p.m.)

Monday

Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Batman Begins (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Honeymooners (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

New York City bus driver Ralph and his feisty wife Alice, struggle to make ends meet. Along with their best friends Ed and Trixie, they have almost enough money for a down payment on a Brooklyn duplex until Ralph winds up losing all their money and his marriage to boot with another of his crazy schemes.

Unleashed (R, 9:30 p.m.)

Danny has been kept as a near prisoner by his "Uncle" Bart since boyhood; trained to attack and, if necessary, kill. Danny has known only a brutal existence, but after meeting Sam, a blind, soft-spoken piano tuner, he senses true kindness and compassion for the first time.

Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret -- they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations.

Monster In Law (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

The love life of Charlotte is reduced to an endless string of disastrous blind dates until she meets the perfect man, Kevin. Unfortunately, his merciless mother will do anything to destroy their relationship.

Sunday

Kingdom of Heaven (R, 7 p.m.)

Balian is mourning the deaths of his wife and baby when his father asks him to join the Crusades in Jerusalem.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Honeymooners (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (7 p.m.)

Postcards from the Eifel ... (Part II)

Sabers journey to local sites, capture memories through photos

Compiled by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office



Team Eifel family members "Explore the Eifel" Friday along the German-Luxembourg border. The hikers trekked up to the "Devil's Ravine." Photo by Gary Sakura, 52nd MSS.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gregory McIntyre, 702nd MUNNS.



A view of the Mosel River valley and Cochem Castle. Photo by Staff Sgt. Gregory McIntyre, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron.



Sabers get a historical background of the "Westwall" Friday during "Explore the Eifel" while touring inside a German World War II bunker near the town of Irrel. Photo by Gary Sakura, 52nd Mission Support Squadron.



Manderscheid Castle dates back to 1201 and hosts a medieval festival each August. Photo by Staff Sgt. Gregory McIntyre, 702nd MUNNS.

Below is a list of upcoming Outdoor Recreation activities and events:

August events

Aug. 6, Luxembourg cave rappel, \$35; Aug. 7, Luxembourg trout fishing, \$35; Aug. 17, Introduction to scuba, \$35; Aug. 20, North Sea fishing, \$125; Aug. 27, Mosel canoe trip

September events

Sept. 3-4, Baltic deep sea fishing, \$140; Sept. 6-11, Italy scuba certification, \$550; Sept. 17, Luxembourg trout fishing, \$35; Sept. 25, North Sea fishing, \$125

October events

Oct. 1-2, Baltic deep sea fishing, \$140; Oct. 15, North Sea fishing, \$125; Oct. 29, Luxembourg trout fishing, \$35

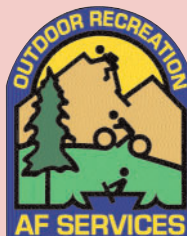
November events

Nov. 23-27, Thanksgiving Swiss glacier skiing, dorm style room, \$290, double room, \$365

December events

Dec. 9-11, Black Forest ski trip, \$275; Dec. 16-18, Swiss ski trip, dorm style, \$265, double room, \$340

For details, call Brandi Tubb-Hall at 452-7176.



Out and About

(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place.)

□ Listen to funk and groove music **Wednesday** at the Mertesdorf Hotel Karlsmuehle.

□ Enjoy the annual Herforst Summerfest **Saturday** through **Monday**. The opening event starts at 8 p.m. at the festival tent and highlights include the band "Lucky." People can enjoy coffee, cake and watching dancing groups Sunday at noon.

□ The town of Echternach, Luxembourg, hosts the 2005 Mobilux Trophy Hot Air Balloon World Honda Grand Prix **today** through **Sunday**. A highlight event is the "nightglow" **Saturday**. For more information, check out www.mobilux-trophy.lu.

□ A Country & Western festival takes place **Aug. 5-7** at the Neunkirchen sports grounds.

□ Enjoy a wine festival with a fireworks display **Aug. 5-8** in Trier-Olewig. This is a popular event.

□ An oldtimer and tractor meeting takes place **Aug. 6-7** at the Piesport Farmer's and Vintner's museum.

Bull's eye view

Eifel Bowhunters follow
straight and "arrow" path
to nature, tournaments

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DAHLEM, Germany -- When the steely eyes of a six-foot, 1,800-pound bison peer at you from beneath tousled woolly hair, the last thing most people on the hunt would opt to do is even the playing field.

But for the Eifel Bowhunters here, precision and accuracy is king, and some members said they favor their hand-made arrows, long bows and compound bows any day over the ease of guns or rifles in aiming for targets.

Though bowhunting of actual game is illegal in Germany, archery and bowhunting enthusiasts here can learn, train, and interact with other archers in the 70-member-and-growing club.

"I started this hobby in Illinois some years back, and when I got here, I discovered there were a couple of clubs in Bitburg and Oberweis," said Master Sgt. Chris Kossack, 52nd Communications Squadron NCOIC of standards and evaluations and Eifel Bowhunter. "A few of the people from each of those clubs joined the Eifel Bowhunters -- and I've been a member ever since."

As the lone active American member of the Eifel Bowhunters, Sergeant Kossack said he and wife, Paola, have found a host of new friends and fellow archers. Most of the Germans on the team speak fluent English.

Whatever the native tongue of the participants, all involved seem to agree that the Eifel Bowhunters is a family affair.

"I'd say the club members are almost half women because most everyone's spouse or their girlfriend is also on the team," said Jurgen Kraus, Eifel Bowhunter. "We have a wide age range too -- from age 6 well into middle age and older," he said.

The spectrum of team members makes tournaments much more social than competitive, Sergeant Kossack said.

"I don't shoot, but I enjoy coming to the tournaments because we camp out, hang out and share experiences -- these are bonuses to being a part of the sport here," Mrs. Kossack said.

While tournaments may not consist of man-versus-beast square offs, one bow hunting club member said he and his colleagues create some very hunt-worthy imposters with which to practice.

"We build and paint our own targets," said club member Tomas Kraus. "In addition to creating life-size bison, goats and



Anja Kreuz, Eifel Bowhunter, locks in on a target at a sports club archery range Sunday. Ms. Kreuz is one of about 70 members in the bowhunting club that trains just a few kilometers outside of Speicher, Germany. Ms. Kreuz placed first in an archery tournament in March.



Tomas Kraus, Eifel Bowhunter, draws an arrow on his compound bow with pulley system. The oldest indication of archery in Europe comes from Stellmoor in the Ahrensburg valley north of Hamburg, Germany, and dates from the late Palaeolithic Hamburgian culture around 9000-8000 B.C. Some arrows are made of pine wood and newer arrows are made of carbon or aluminum.

deer, we use a variety of bows and arrows, and we make most of the arrows ourselves."

The beasts may be synthetic, but the closeness to nature is what Jurgen said draws him to the sport.

"When you're out there in the wilderness and the wind is blowing -- it's just you and the target," Jurgen said. "It becomes a game of strategy and concentration."

Jurgen's nephew and fellow team member Tomas shares his sentiment.



Tomas takes practice shots with fellow club members Jurgen Kraus, Simon Ewen and Master Sgt. Chris Kossack, 52nd Communications Squadron network standards and evaluations NCOIC. The Eifel Bowhunters participate in numerous tournaments and training meets.

"Archery takes a lot of concentration, but the release somehow brings you such a feeling of relaxation. You need to be absolutely focused on your target," he said.

The Eifel Bowhunters invite anyone who's interested, regardless of experience, to join their club.

"You don't need any skill or even your own equipment to give this hobby a try," Sergeant Kossack said. "You can test and shoot a variety of bows and arrows from other archers in the club."

For training opportunities or details about the Eifel Bowhunters, call Tomas Kraus at 06562-932231, Jurgen Kraus at 06562-3546 or Sergeant Kossack at 452-2011.

Sports Briefs

Bundeswehr soccer match

Members of the Bundeswehr invite all wing members to a soccer match Saturday at 3 p.m. The players will meet on the soccer field behind the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center. After the game, players are invited to a barbeque in dormitories 177 and 178. Call 01511-5648159 for more information.

Challenging run

A wing Challenge Run takes place Aug. 5 starting at noon from the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center. Squadron teams of three

females and three males compare their race times on a 1.5 mile run. Call Juergen Stockemer at 452-6251 to register.

European football camp

This year's Central European Football Camp 2005 will be held Aug. 16-19 in Ansbach. Athletes will need a current physical and medical power of attorney. Call Bitburg High School at 452-9202 for more information.

Martial arts

♦ Kuk Sool Won covers Asian fighting techniques and body conditioning, as well as mental development and traditional weapons

training. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and Fridays from 5-7 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Fitness Center. For details, call Sean Heard at 452-6193.

♦ An Aikido class takes place at the Bitburg Annex Fitness Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. The instructor is Brent Silva. For details, call the Bitburg Annex Fitness Center at 452-9174.

Massage, personal trainer

People interested in massage therapy can call Alwine Ramirez at 06574-900300 or Megan Guy at 06563-962534. Those in need of a personal trainer can call Suzanne Mann at 0170-2175208.

Sports Day

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron members Rahsul Freeman and Dan Williams, with Ryan Breaux, 52nd Communications Squadron, and Jai Rodriguez, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, sponsored a 52nd Mission Support Group Sports Day. The event featured a Family 5K run. The 52nd CS won a dodgeball tournament against the 52nd LRS. The 52nd Medical Support Squadron's Arthur Davis and Richard Hairston, the 52nd CS's Robert Harris and the 52nd LRS's Cory Stallworth won the 4-on-4 basketball tournament. The 52nd CS and 52nd LRS shared honors at the soccer tournament.